

## Senate Resolution 411

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 6, 2007, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, cycling increases physical work capacity, significantly reduces harmful  
3 cholesterol levels, reduces obesity, and lessens risk of heart disease or attacks; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association supports and encourages all metropolitan  
5 Atlanta cities to participate in the 2007 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" departing from the  
6 cities of Decatur, Marietta, and Roswell during the 2007 legislative session; and
- 7 WHEREAS, working alongside regional and state entities, the Metro Atlanta Mayors  
8 Association passed a resolution supporting the continued development of regional bike and  
9 pedestrian systems and for the creation of new and connecting on-road facilities and off-road  
10 and multi-use pathways; and
- 11 WHEREAS, over 1,841 Georgia "Share the Road" specialty motor vehicle license plates  
12 have been issued in the first eight months of their availability and funds will go toward  
13 motorist and cyclist safety, education, and awareness programs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation supports cycling as a cost-efficient  
15 means of transportation for Georgia's residents that is a means of congestion mitigation and  
16 environmentally-friendly mobility; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation promotes working with local  
18 jurisdictions to improve cycling conditions by building or upgrading roads and facilities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation encourages economic development  
20 opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility; and

1 WHEREAS, access to facilities promoting bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhances the  
2 quality of life in Georgia's communities; and

3 WHEREAS, facilities that promote bicycle and pedestrian mobility, such as the Silver Comet  
4 Rail-to-Trail and the 17th Street bike lanes and sidewalks, also promote economic  
5 development and tourism surrounding the facilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Tour de Georgia, a sponsor of the 2007 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol," has  
7 drawn more than 2.3 million spectators and had a direct economic impact of \$26 million on  
8 the State of Georgia in 2006.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 recognize March 6, 2007, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association  
13 and organizers of the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol."